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\*SOURCE Through an official British channel from a regular source who obtained the information from members of the ex-Mufti's entourage.

- The ex-Mufti recently expressed the belief that Great Britain and Israel have an agreement that the latter occupy that part of the Kingdom of Jordan lying west of the River Jordan. He adduces as supporting evidence the Jordanian Government's neglect of West Bank affairs. Hajj Amin is in close touch, by letter, with three Jordanian West Bank deputies, 'Abdullah Amara, 'Abdullah Rimwy, and Kamal 'Uraykat, and favors, as a solution to the problem of the status of this part of Jordan, its annexation to Syria or its emergence as an independent entity.
- On his recent visit to Cairo, (September 1952) Hajj Amin had several conversations with Safir Rifai'i, Syrian Minister of Foreign Affairs. In the course of these conversations Rifahi told the ex-Mufti that Lt. Col. Adib Shishakli, Syrian Chief of Staff, maintained his opposition to the resettlement of the Palestinian refugees in Syria. He also claimed that King Ibn Sa'ud had approved a Syrian proposal to annex the West Bank of Jordan. No action could yet be taken, however, because of the Anglo-Jordanian Treaty.
- The ex-Mufti receives a monthly remittance of five hundred pounds sterling from Prince Faisal in Sa'ud. He also receives sporadic payments from:  
Khoja Nizam-al-Din, Governor of Pakistan  
Mays Iftikhar-al-Din, leader of the Azad Party in Pakistan  
Khalig al-Zam'n, leader of the Moslem People's Organization (Munazzamat al-Shuub al-Islamiya)  
al-Tayyib Bannuna, of Morocco<sup>1</sup>  
Sadiq al-Mojadidi, ex-Afghan Minister in Cairo.
- Washington Comment. The question of making a subsidy to the ex-Mufti arose in Morocco over a year ago, and the Executive Committee of the Islah Party discarded the idea for two reasons: (a) the ex-Mufti is regarded with distaste by the

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Sho'eyb Khan Mojaddadi - ex-Afghan Minister in Cairo

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